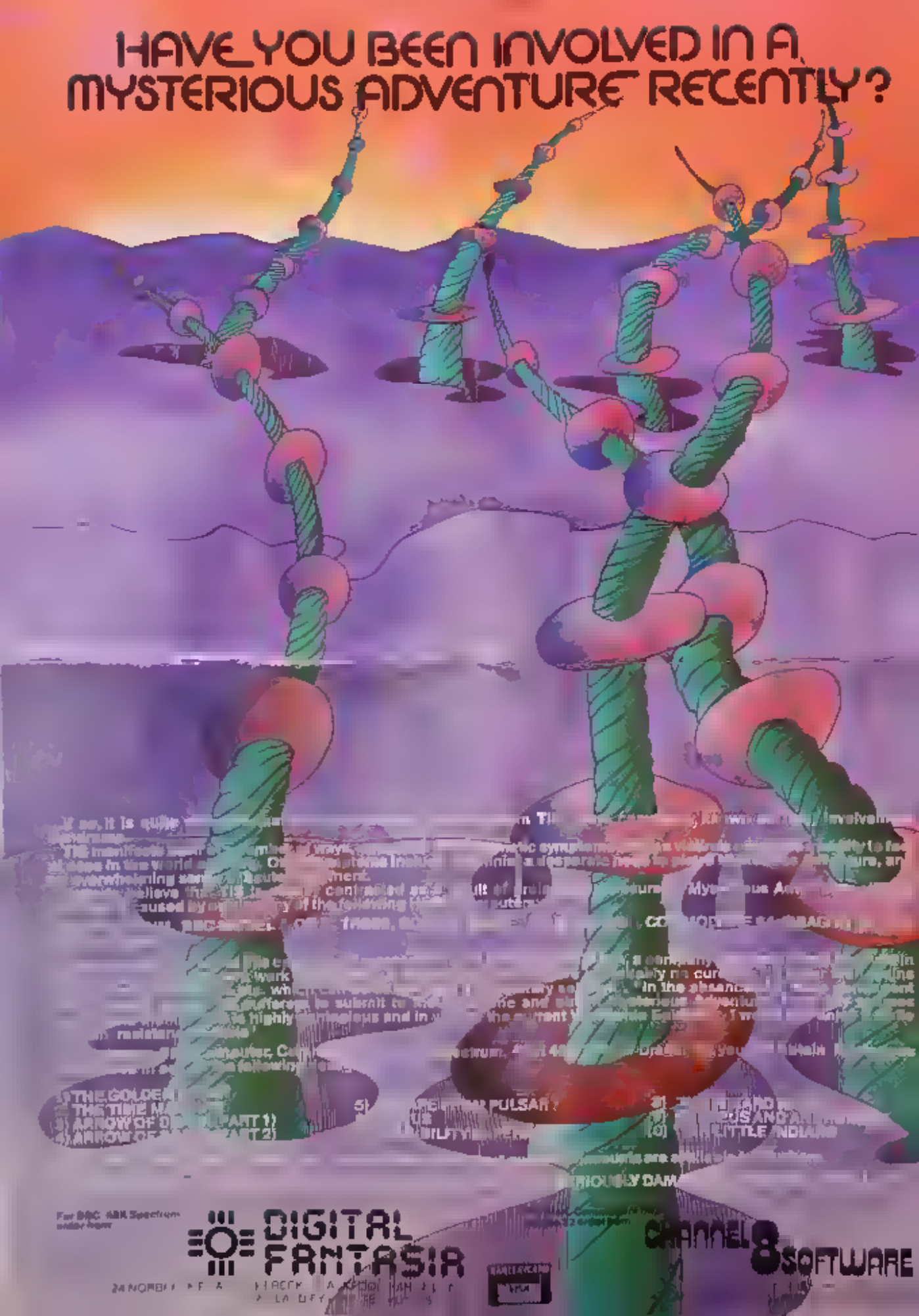
HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN A MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURE RECENTLY?



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Mysterious Adventures

WHAT ARE MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES?

MYSTERIOUS: (Adjective) – "Baffling, full of mystery, strange or unaccountable"

ADVENTURE. (Noun) – "An enterprise full of risk or danger, an experience of unforeseen events endangering the participants life, a gamble on failure or success"

To start play on a MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURE is to take a step out of the world of reality and into the world of dreams. Your computer is your guide on these fantastic journeys in time and space where danger is ever present and solutions to problems seldom come easy.

By typing in simple commands in plain English you can "talk" to your computerised guide and tell it what your next actions are to be.

MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES bring a frightening reality to the surreal situations in which you will find yourself. You will become involved in these strange worlds of the imagination, you will feel anger when things seem to be moving against you, you will feel elated when you overcome obstacles [illegible] [illegible] you reach [illegible] [illegible] and success [illegible]

Any MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURE is not a mission to be taken lightly, success will never be instant. Just as Rome was not built in a day so each Adventure can rarely be completed in one session. To this end a "SAVE GAME" feature has been incorporated in each of the Adventures. This means that at any given time during play of an Adventure, you can store on tape your precise whereabouts, your equipment carried, and any other pertinent detail about your present status.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES

Over the past few years, Adventure programs on Computers have almost always been presented in the classic "Text only" mode. For most Adventure players this has indeed been the way they prefer to play Adventures. The mental imagery generated by such an approach is limited only by the player's own imagination. One of the main reasons for the "Text only" approach has been the lack of hardware capabilities with regard to Graphics resolution – Pictorial Adventures could at best be only very limited in scope.

This situation is changing now however, and Brian Howarth, author of the MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES series, has spent many hours incorporating Graphics into the Adventures. By working in close conjunction with Jon Blacow, a professional Artist, Brian has produced a series of extremely vivid and imaginative Adventures. Each MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURE now features, in addition to the Text description, pictorial "views" of your current location and surroundings. As you enter each new location, a high resolution, colour picture is rapidly drawn. The effect of this is to bring much more reality to the Scenario, you can actually see the situation you are faced with and act accordingly. It must be stressed that each picture has been designed so that it will enhance, rather than conflict with your mental imagery. At the single stroke of a key, you can erase the picture and carry on with your Adventure in text only if this is your preference. We are confident that no other Adventure programs can boast such breathtaking realism and imagination combined with the flexibility and ease of play that have made MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES such a phenomenal worldwide success.

In addition, the Adventures now features full sentence decoding as standard. These mean that you are no longer restricted in inputting single or two-word commands. You can now type in whole sentences in more or less plain English. Your computer will quickly analyse the sentence and perform a whole string of your commands. Just another feature designed to maximise your enjoyment of these world beating games!

The "New style" MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES are currently available for the 48K SPECTRUM, COMMODORE 64. More releases are planned this year which will include DRAGON 32, ORIC 1, APPLE II & IIe, ATARI, LYNX, MATTEL AQUARIUS, IBM PC, etc. Please write or phone for availability.